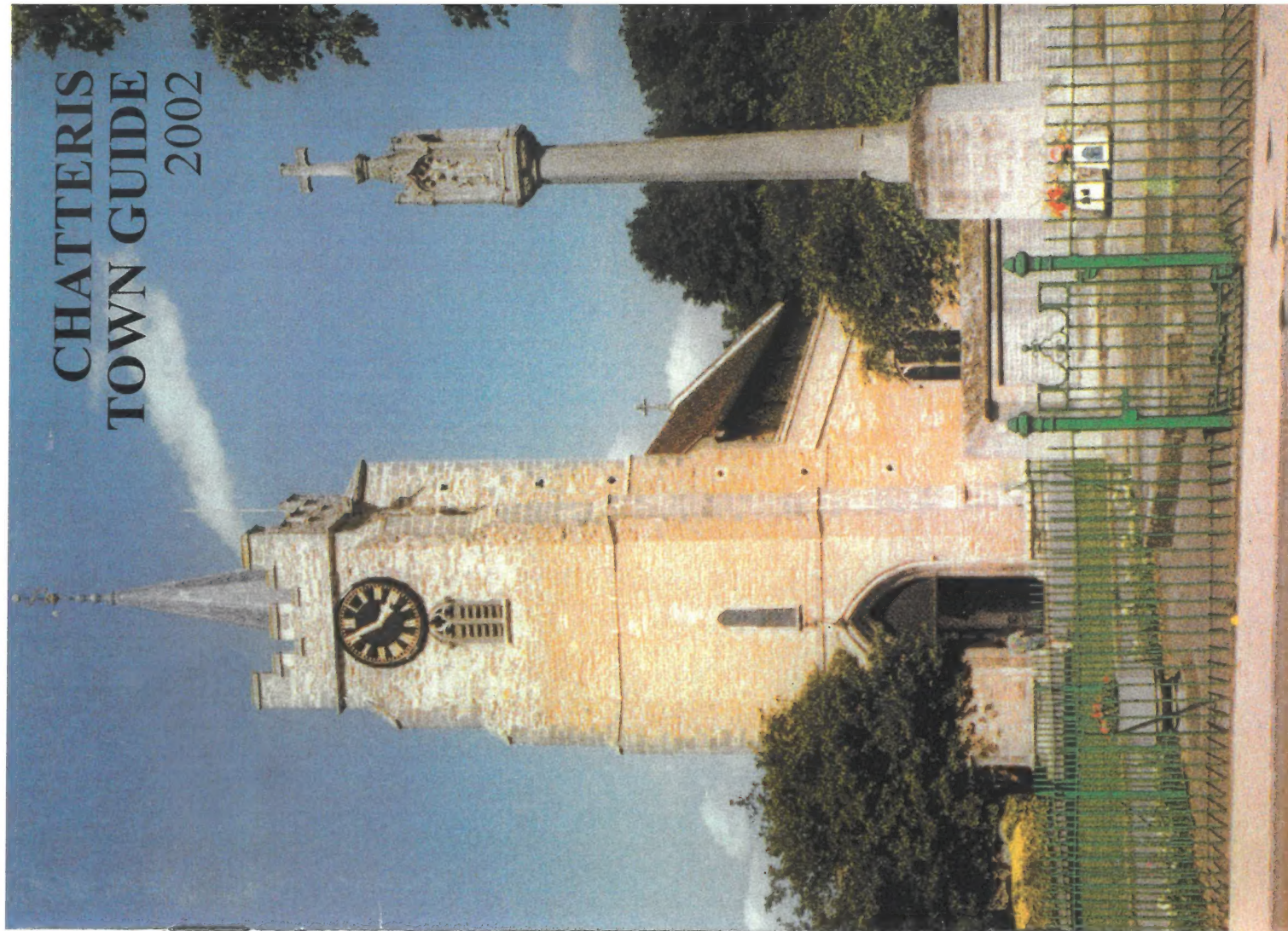
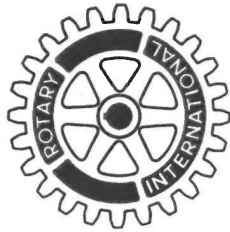


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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

A Chicago businessman, Paul Harris, and a small group of business friends founded the Rotary movement in 1905. They met at different venues on a rotating basis (hence the word 'Rotary') sharing ideas and fellowship. Soon more clubs were formed with the principal aim of helping others. So popular was this idea of service that in a comparatively short time Rotary became an international movement with the motto 'Service above Self'.

The Chatteris Rotary Club, formed in 1975, is one of some 26,000 clubs which between them share over a million members spread throughout 187 countries. Service takes many forms at international as well as local level. There are major projects such as Polio Plus which is designed to eliminate polio in the world and smaller ones where the aim may be to provide a piece of equipment for an elderly person or to assist local schools.

Over the years the Chatteris Club has been involved in many acts of service. Particularly well known in Chatteris and the nearby village communities has been the Christmas float which, through its Christmas music has been the means of raising money for local charities and organisations. Other important projects have included: organising and raising money for the town's bonfire festivities, clearing footpaths and continuing links with the local schools.

At an international level the club has sent emergency supplies to disaster areas, supported projects which are aimed at providing clean water in Third World countries and sponsored visits by young people on the Youth and Group Study Exchange Schemes, both of which foster international goodwill and understanding. Finally the club has sought to recognise outstanding local achievements by groups and by individuals - and there will be further awards of this nature, all under the heading of 'Service above Self'.

A Message from the President of the Rotary Club of Chatteris...

I am delighted that the Rotary Club of Chatteris has been involved with the production of this publication once again. The club members have collectively and individually completed many projects during the last 25 years for the benefit of the town but few have been so demanding and at the same time, so beneficial, as this Guide.

There is no doubt that a rapidly expanding town like Chatteris needs a Town Guide and I am sure this booklet will be widely read and it will play its part in promoting Chatteris as a fine place in which to live and work.

I would like to thank all the members who have worked so hard on this project which is yet another example of Rotary's service to the community.

Donald Ashmore
President, Rotary Club of Chatteris



TOWN GUIDE

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A full list of organisations is maintained at the Town Library and officials of all organisations are urged to ensure that changes in names etc. are advised to the library to enable at least one up to date point of reference to be held in the town.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

I welcome this much needed up-date of the Town Guide and thank the Rotary Club for all their hard work. An increasing number of visitors to the town and an ever-increasing population have made a new guide a necessity.

Chatteris is an expanding town which benefits from good transport links with Cambridge, Peterborough, Huntingdon and Ely. Whilst agriculture forms the basis of many of the town's industries, new areas of opportunity have been created in other fields such as chemical analysis and manufacturing. Long established businesses, such as Stainless Metalcraft, also continue to thrive. In the future it is hoped to encourage even more businesses to become established in the town.

Recent enhancement work has greatly improved the centre of the town and further work is planned. It is hoped money allocated by East of England Development Agency will help fund improvements and increase facilities in the town. CCTV cameras funded by the Town and District Councils are proving invaluable in the fight against crime. Town and footpath trails have been set up to attract visitors and a new leisure centre is still on the cards.

New play equipment has been installed thanks to Sure Start funding. The Town Council continues to help in the maintenance of the popular Wenny Road Recreation Ground and is hoping to further improve its Old Railway Line footpath to make it one of the best open access facilities in the area.

Chatteris has always been able to call upon willing volunteers and this ensures clubs and organisations continue to thrive, and Chatteris Lights and Chatteris Festival Week are the envy of most towns in the area.

The Town Council is committed to the improvement of facilities, and to ensure that Chatteris gets its fair share of any available investment.

Florence S. Newell

Chairman, Chatteris Town Council

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Electricity:		
(Eastern Energy)		
Doctors:		
Neighbourhood Watch	contact: (Daphne Brown)	
Samaritans:		
Childline:		
Drug Advisory Service (Bridgegate):		

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Chatteris Town Council

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Council Chambers		

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North Ward:	Alan Melton	(01354) 693724
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHATTERIS

From the evidence of artefacts recovered from sites in the area, there has been a settlement here probably dating from the Stone Age. However, the earliest recorded reference to Chatteris (or 'Cetritz' as it is spelt in the Domesday Book) dates back to A.D. 679 when Huna, reputed to have been personal Chaplain to Etheldreda, retired to the seclusion of Honey Hill, which lies roughly to the east of the town. The town developed around the site of the present church, and the Benedictine nunnery established in A.D. 980 by Alwina, wife of Athelstan. The nunnery which was located in the area between Park Street and South Park Street, was dissolved in 1538 by the order of Henry VIII. The last remnants of the buildings disappeared around the end of the 19th Century, although some fragments of wall remain in the area. The Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul was built in the 14th Century on the site of an earlier building, and it was largely rebuilt in 1910 with the help of the son of a former sexton who had made a fortune in America.

Chatteris was very remote and inaccessible, surrounded as it was by peat and silt fen. In mediaeval times the economy of the area depended upon fishing and wildfowling in winter, and grazing in summer. It is probable that in winter the only access would have been by boat. Perhaps the single most important factor affecting the development of the town was the gradual reclamation of the surrounding fen for agriculture. Every winter water from the uplands of Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire would overflow the banks of the fen rivers and their tributaries, causing serious flooding. This problem was gradually alleviated by digging many miles of straight drainage channels, allowing the surplus water to be discharged directly into the Wash.

The mechanisation of agriculture following the second World War, has brought about tremendous changes in agricultural practices. Machinery, and the increased use of chemicals have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the numbers of men and women employed on the land. At the same time the increasing demand for pre-packed vegetables has provided alternative employment in the vegetable packing and transport industries. Improved road communications have created opportunities for workers to travel to neighbouring towns for employment in manufacturing and commerce. In recent years, the growth of high technology manufacturing in Cambridge has resulted in a considerable increase in the numbers of people commuting daily between the two towns, whilst improvements in train services from Huntingdon have made it possible to commute daily between Chatteris and London. Two industrial areas of small factory units have been established on the outskirts of the town and these together with a company of analytical chemists and the long established Stainless Metal Engineering Co., have contributed to the lessening dependence upon agriculture as the prime source of employment.

DRAINING THE FENS

The first serious attempts to drain the Fens took place in 1630. The 4th Earl of Bedford with 13 colleagues, known as the Gentlemen Adventurers, employed the Dutch engineer Cornelius Vermuyden, to cut a channel 20 miles long from Earith to Salters Lode with sluice gates at either end. This is known as the Old Bedford river. The purpose of this was to take the excess water from the river Great Ouse (which is tidal as far as Earith and a short distance upstream) as it meandered through the low lying Fens towards Ely, Denver and the sea. It was not particularly successful and flooding occurred almost as soon as it was completed. A more comprehensive scheme, delayed by the advent of the Civil War, was started in 1650 when Vermuyden was again put in charge. The New Bedford or Hundred Foot River was cut from Earith to Denver, parallel to the Old Bedford. A sluice was built in the tidal river at Denver to prevent tidal or salt water from entering the Ely section of the Ouse. As a result, the new Bedford now became the Tidal Great Ouse. The two Bedford rivers were designed so that their inner banks were lower than the outer or 'barrier' banks. Excess water spilled over into the land between the two rivers. This land is known as the Great Ouse Washes and acts as a flood storage reservoir of about 5000 acres. The Washes discharge their water at the eastern end into the Great Ouse at Welmore Lake Sluice. In between the Nene and Bedford rivers, other drainage channels were constructed, notably the 40 Foot and 20 Foot Drains. These drained by gravity into the Old Bedford at Welches Dam and Salters Lode.

Landowners formed themselves into groups, the forerunners of the Internal Drainage Boards, to provide gravity drainage into the new drains for the land which was gradually brought into cultivation. As the drainage improved, the peat soil began to shrink, leading to lower land levels. This was quite dramatic in the early stages and gravity drainage became more difficult. In the early 18th century windmills appeared in large numbers to lift water from the low lying farm lands into the larger drains and rivers. The windmill began to be replaced in the 19th century with steam driven pumps. The first half of the 20th century saw the introduction of diesel pumps and the second half, electric pumps.

When Vermuyden finished his work, the area of land drained was known as the Great Level. In 1663, The Bedford Level Corporation was created to administer the drainage. It was divided into three areas: the North level, the South Level and the Middle Level of which Chatteris is part. In 1862, the Middle Level was separated from the Bedford Level Corporation and became an Internal Drainage Board, administered by the Middle Level Commissioners.

In the early 19th century, gravity drainage at Welches Dam had ceased and at Salters Lode it was becoming increasingly difficult. A nine mile long channel was cut from Three Holes to St. Germain's near King's Lynn where tidal levels were eight feet lower than at Salters Lode. This was completed in 1848 with an outfall sluice at St Germain's, thereby allowing gravity drainage to continue. This sluice collapsed in 1862 causing widespread flooding in Marshland and alongside the whole length of the Middle Level Drain as the new channel was called. The rebuilding of the sluice was not completed until 1880. By 1920 gravity drainage was becoming increasingly difficult again and the decision was taken to replace the sluice at St. Germain's with a diesel pumping station. This scheme began in 1930 and was completed in 1934 and was then the biggest pumping station in Europe.

The output of the station has been continually upgraded to keep pace with the increasing output of the smaller Internal Drainage Board pumps within the Middle Level area. At full capacity the station can now pump 5000 tonnes / one million gallons per minute.

Flooding has always been a threat despite man's best efforts, and it probably always will be. 1936, 1937 and 1939 were all years of serious flooding but 1947 was the most disastrous of all. Some 40,000 acres of rich farmland were inundated mainly in the South Level area. As a result, the biggest scheme since Vermuyden's time, the Flood Protection Scheme, was carried out. Much of the scheme had been anticipated by Vermuyden 300 years earlier. It involved the construction of two new channels. The first was the relief channel, 11 miles long from Denver, to King's Lynn and designed to take excess water from the Ely Ouse when the tidal Great Ouse was unable to cope adequately with further discharge through Denver Sluice. The second was the Cut Off Channel running round the edge of the Fens from Denver to Barton Mills. It was designed to intercept water from the rivers Lark, Little Ouse, and Wissey before it entered the Fens and transfer it to the Relief Channel. This scheme has proved to be very successful.

CHATTERIS TOWN REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

In 1991 Roger Evans Associates were commissioned to undertake a Regeneration Study in consultation with community representatives, and produced a report entitled "Chatteris Pride". The objectives of the study were to encourage sustainable economic and community regeneration; improve the quality of the local environment; enhance the quality of life for the local residents and most importantly to engage the local community in developing and implementing the proposals contained in the report.

Early in 2001 the government launched the Market Town's Initiative. A public meeting was arranged to which representatives of the public, local organisations and the business community were invited. The meeting was successful, and eventually the town was offered an "in principle" sum of £300,000 to be match-funded by a further £450,000 to be used for regeneration projects in the town and surrounding district. A "Market Town Regeneration Steering Group" composed of local residents, and supported by officers of Fenland District Council was established. A further study "Planning for Real" was carried out by Cambridgeshire ACRE involving the local community to identify local needs and priorities for improvement. The results of this latest survey have been incorporated into an "Action Plan" which will be the blueprint to which the Regeneration Partnership will work to complete the project by Spring 2004.

In the first year of the scheme, the Partnership has appointed a Market Town Co-ordinator, to work closely with the local community and liaise with the various statutory authorities and other funding bodies who will be involved in bringing the project to fruition. A "Community Chest" has been established from which local groups may seek match funded grants (£100 to £1,000). Work is underway and as projects emerge the efforts to secure appropriate matched funding can be undertaken in earnest.

Enquiries about the Chatteris Regeneration Project should be made to Mike Carter (Fenland District Council) 01354 622324.

For a town of its size, Chatteris has a good range of amenities, catering for the needs of its citizens and visitors. Shopping facilities are good, the High Street having a mix of small to medium size shops offering a wide range of goods, with a supermarket situated at the edge of the town. The health of the residents is looked after by a team of doctors operating from a health centre off New Road. The thriving spiritual life is represented by Anglican and Catholic congregations meeting at the parish church, and by the Emmanuel Church and Salvation Army, both situated in East Park Street.

Full time education for infant and primary age children is provided by the Burnsfield, King Edward and Glebelands Schools whilst secondary education is provided at the Cromwell College, which also supports a wide range of community education courses and leisure activities. The County Library Service offers excellent facilities and the town museum's extensive collection is exhibited in a building shared with the Town Council in Church Lane. Chatteris is fortunate to have a vibrant community life, and supports many social and cultural activity groups.

The geographical location of Chatteris, situated in the Cambridgeshire Fens, roughly midway between Cambridge and Peterborough, makes it a convenient base from which to visit a wide range of attractions. These include the university city of Cambridge, two cathedral cities, Peterborough and Ely, and a wealth of smaller towns and villages such as Huntingdon, with its Cromwellian associations. Several large houses and estates belonging to the National Trust are within easy driving distance, including Wimpole Hall, Oxborough Hall, Peckover House, and Anglesey Abbey. Sandringham, the private residence of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II is frequently open to the public. The Cambridge University's Fitzwilliam Museum, and Imperial War Museum at Duxford are of international standard. Newmarket has the world famous racecourse, the National Stud, and the National Horse Racing Museum. There is also horse racing at Huntingdon, whilst the Wood Green Animal Shelter at Godmanchester, and the Raptor Sanctuary at Somersham are popular venues, particularly for children. For lovers of nature, the surrounding fens are a rich and diverse resource, including some of the world's most important wetland wildfowl habitats visited every winter by thousands of migrating swans. Here too are remnants of original un-reclaimed fen, recalling impressions of the untamed wilderness, which once surrounded Chatteris.

Several books and other publications about the Fens in general and Chatteris in particular are available at the public library. There are also several websites offering information about aspects of life in the town.

Although there are regular bus services providing transport to and from work and shopping trips to nearby towns, Chatteris people must rely heavily on their cars.

Chatteris lost its railway link in 1967, the last train running on March 6th. March railway station is eight miles away by road, and in fact the Doddington / Wimblington bypass runs a good part of the way along the route of the old railway line. Trains from March (tel. 652182) run west to Peterborough, and on to the midlands, Manchester and Liverpool. Peterborough is also a main interchange on the East Coast line with frequent connections to London and the North. Going east from March, trains run to Cambridge, Norwich, and Felixstowe. The other main line station used by Chatteris residents and commuters is Huntingdon, with journey times to London of under an hour.

Stagecoach Express operate regular bus services to Cambridge, via Sutton, Witchford, Ely, Cambridge Research Park and Science Park; Cavalier Travel offer a service to Huntingdon, via Ramsey and Warboys, stopping at Huntingdon bus station, the railway station, Hinchbrook Hospital, and Tesco's; There are also services to St Ives via Warboys; Peterborough via March; and to Wisbech, via March.

Whippet Coaches operate a free service on Wednesdays to Tesco's at March, calling at Doddington and Wimblington. The service departs Chatteris at 9.30, 10.30, 11.30, and 12.30. Return times from Tesco's are 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1pm, and 2pm. Cambridgeshire County Council have published a booklet and map giving details of these services and they also produce a monthly newsletter, 'Travel Times' which keeps up to date with changing timetables and is available from the Library and Post Office.

Contacts: Cambridgeshire County Council Transport Enquiry Line: (01223) 717740
National Rail Enquiries: Cambridge, Huntingdon, March: 08457 484950
Peterborough: (01733) 68181

C & G Coaches (tel: 692200) operate their business from premises at Honeysome Road, and in addition to contract work and excursions, have a comprehensive programme of holiday tours in U.K. and Europe.

F.A.C.T. (Fenland Association for Community Transport) operates as a non-profit making organisation, for people who have difficulties using conventional public transport services in the Fenland area of Cambridgeshire. F.A.C.T. is a membership organisation and groups and individuals are required to join or register before they can benefit from the services offered. These services currently comprise Group Hire, Dial-a-bus / Shoppers Shuttle and Dial-a-Car. For further details contact F.A.C.T. at Regent Buildings, 6-8 Dartford Road, March, tel: (01354) 661234 or fax. 661235.

Chatteris Community Car Service provides transport to hospital and other destinations for people who are unable to use conventional public transport.
For further information tel. 07944 814 156.

All of the above information is subject to frequent change, and readers are urged to check before travelling.

CHATTERIS MUSEUM

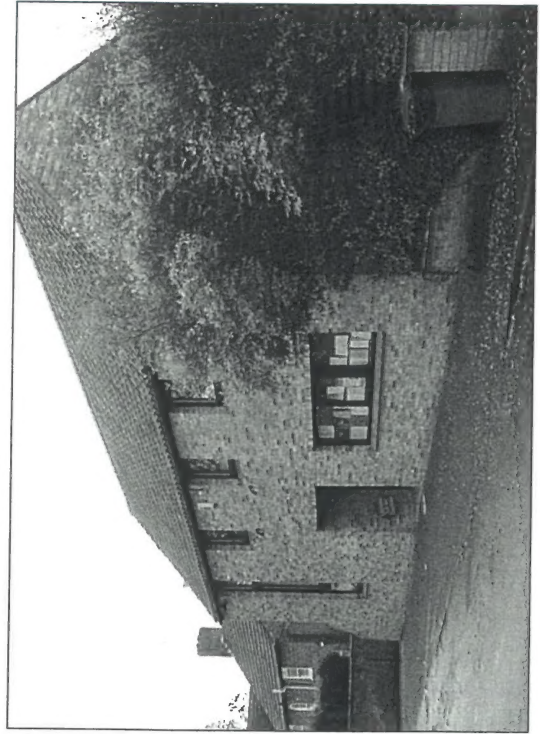
During 1942, small displays in the council chamber by the then Clerk to the Council, Mr Charles Dobb, provided the foundation for Chatteris Museum which opened in November 1965. The collection is now held by the Chatteris Museum Trust, and is managed by a group of volunteers who can call on professional advice from Dr Jane Hubbard, Curator of Wisbech and Fenland Museum.

Galleries are arranged to portray the history of the town, its immediate surroundings and its people, from the Stone Age right through to the recent past. Temporary exhibitions drawn from the reserve collection and outside sources, including local craftspeople, are also displayed from time to time. The museum would welcome more volunteers. More help could mean more opening hours. Entry is normally free but the museum reserves the right to make a small charge for some events and exhibitions. Free parking is available opposite. The building has toilet facilities and disabled access (stair lift) to the first floor.

Opening times (or by appointment)

Easter to October:	Thursdays	1.30pm - 4.30pm
	Saturdays	10.00am - 1.00pm
October to Easter:	Thursdays	2.00pm - 4.00pm
	Saturdays	10.00am - 12.00pm

For further information during opening times, tel: 01354 696319 or contact the Curator, Mrs Jenny Furlong, tel: (01354) 692460.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

In 1985 a small group of volunteers set about the task of raising funds to provide Christmas lighting around the town centre for the benefit of residents and traders. Since 1985, some £35,000 has been raised by house to house collections and other events in order to maintain and expand the scheme.

Switch-on night has become one of the events of the year in the town. The town centre is packed as traders entertain their customers with seasonal cheer and street entertainment keeps the crowds happy, especially the children, while a lucky youngster has the privilege of switching on the lights on Market Hill Gardens.

The committee led by Andrew Berry is entirely voluntary but the results of their many hours of hard work before and after the event are enthusiastically appreciated by the residents of Chatteris. The Town Council provides some financial support but the task of raising sufficient funds to maintain their own very high standards falls to the committee who will always welcome new support.

The Chatteris Christmas Lighting Scheme is recognised as the best display for many, many miles around and is acknowledged as superior to those in much larger towns and cities. So much so that in 1995 it was featured in a regional television programme. The lights have been a great success story from the outset and with the well deserved support of the community will continue to be so.

FESTIVAL WEEK

The Festival Committee of Chatteris has for many years organised the week of events which make up the Chatteris Festival. The organising committee brings together all the local organisations under one umbrella and arranges the programme, the advertising, the street decorations and also runs some events. Over the years the event has grown into what is now eight days packed full of fun for the whole town. There are events for the very young, the very old and all other ages in between starting with a parade of floats on the first Saturday.

All funds raised by the individual organisations are theirs to keep, and the committee arranges its own fundraising events to cover the administration and organisation costs.

The Chairperson of the committee is Cllr. Sue Elam, 01354 692573

CHATTERIS IN BLOOM

Organised by the local committee of ARC, (Arthritis and Rheumatism Research Council), this is a popular event, when local residents open their gardens to the public, usually coinciding with the two weekends of Chatteris Festival.

Contact: Mrs Rita Goodger, 01354 692370.

CHATTERIS LIBRARY

Chatteris Library offers a wide range of services including:

- free book loan service to all who live in Cambridgeshire and surrounding counties.
- free access to reference and information material.
- free access to the community Information Database, listing local Clubs and Societies, and Council departments.

In addition, the library has a large stock of spoken word story cassettes, and videos for adults and children for which a small hire charge is payable.

Access is available at the library to photocopying facilities, and the public can send and receive faxes.

'Cambook', the computerised system, allows access to the entire stock of items held by the County.

There is also FREE Internet access - advanced booking available.

Story time - Monday 2.00pm term time only.

Opening times:	Monday	10.00am - 12.30 and 2.00pm - 5.00pm
	Tuesday	10.00am - 12.30
	Wednesday	10.00am - 12.30 and 2.00pm - 7.00pm
	Thursday	Closed
	Friday	10.00am - 12.30 and 2.00pm - 7.00pm
	Saturday	10.00am - 12.30 and 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Address and telephone: 2, Furrowfields Road, Chatteris. Tel 01354 692485 Fax 694549

MUSIC IN CHATTERIS

Chatteris Music Society

The aim of the Music Society is to further the appreciation of music, by promoting concerts and other musical events. Visits are arranged to major musical events in London and elsewhere. Further information can be obtained from Mrs Joan Deller on 01354 693279.

Chatteris Town Band

The Band performs concerts in the local area, and plays at fetes and other functions. Band practice at King Edward Centre takes place on Tuesday evenings 7.30 - 9.30pm. Junior Band practice is held on Tuesdays at 6.30 - 7.30pm. No tuition fees charged to juniors. Recruits welcomed by both bands. Contact: Mrs T. Davis on 01354 650002

Chatteris Folk Club

A Folk-ish evening is held at the Honest John Public House in South Park Street, every third Monday of the month from 9pm until closing time. All are welcome to play, sing or listen. Contact: Ray Dron on 01354 661023.



SCHOOLS IN CHATTERIS

Cromwell College

The College is situated on an open and pleasant site on the south side of the town. Originally built in 1938, the College has benefited from extensive additions and refurbishment over the years to meet the needs of a growing population and the changing demands of the curriculum.

There is a wide range of specialist accommodation including science laboratories, large library and resource centre, modern music, drama and art facilities and technology areas. In addition to a Sports Hall, there are extensive playing fields, tennis courts and a floodlit hard-surface playing area on site. The College provides education for 750 pupils, from 11 to 16 years, drawn from primary schools in Chatteris, Benwick, Doddington, Wimblington and Manea. The students follow the National Curriculum with a broad range of GCSE subjects on offer in year 10 and 11. At 16, students move from Cromwell to either a sixth form centre or sixth form College. Many students are involved in sport, drama, dance, art, music, computer, or other extra-curricular activities which take place outside school hours.

The College also serves the wider community through its life-long learning range of courses offered through the Community Education programme.

Principal: Mrs Mary Darby. Full information is available from the school office 01354 692193 or the Community Education Office 01354 692527.



King Edward County Junior School

King Edward is a co-educational day school catering for children between the ages of seven and eleven.

It is located in Burnsfield Street, on the same site as the Burnsfield Infant School, and has a catchment area of children living on the west side of Chatteris, including High Street and all the distributor roads north of its junction with New Road; the west side of High Street south of New Road to the fork of Wood Street and Wenny Road; Wood Street plus all development to the west of it.

Head Teacher: Mr Stewart Hogg, who can be contacted on 01354 692323.

Burnsfield County Infant School

Burnsfield is a co-educational Infant School catering for pupils aged four to seven years. The school was built in 1954 and serves the same catchment area as King Edward School.

Head Teacher: Miss C.A.E.Roads, and she can be contacted on 01354 692817

Glebelands County Primary School

Glebelands was opened in September 1994 to provide extra places for the growing number of infant and primary-aged school children in Chatteris. Its catchment area covers those areas not covered by the King Edward and Burnsfield Schools.

Head Teacher: Mr Patrick Shevlin and he can be contacted on 01354 695915.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Fenland Community Education service organises a programme of courses at Cromwell College. A wide range of subjects and activities is available for all ages, including further education vocational courses leading to nationally approved qualifications. Non-vocational and leisure activities are organised formally in an extensive programme of day-time and evening classes, and informally through clubs and societies. There is a separate programme of formal and informal activities for children.

Full information may be obtained from Mrs Linda Cox on 01354 692527.

Chatteris Centre Association is a registered charity with the objective of supporting community education in the area. It is managed by Trustees composed of representatives of affiliated organisations. The Association manages the King Edward Centre, gives financial and practical support to affiliated groups, and organises a programme of educational visits to places of interest, such as museums, stately homes and theatres.

Further information may be obtained from Mr Ray Dordery on 01354 692091.

King Edward Centre provides accommodation for many of the town's community organisations including pre-school groups, children's and youth activities, Town Band, W.I., W.E.A. and Community Education classes. The building has seven rooms of varying size, and is available for hire at reasonable rates for public and private meetings, childrens parties, sales, fashion shows, and similar events.

For further information contact Mrs Ann Grainger, 01354 694804.

Grove House, situated on the High Street, is one of the largest of the Isle College centres. A wide range of part-time courses is offered, the most popular with adult learners being the IT programmes. Opened in 1997, the IT suite has twenty fully equipped work stations. The centre offers students the flexibility that enables them to fit learning around other commitments. Courses on offer include Basic English, Basic Maths, computer courses for those who have never used a computer before, to those with more advanced skills, Business Admin., A Level Law, A/S Level English, NVQ's in Child Care, Childminding, Access to Higher Education, and courses in Management. Grove House is also a centre for UK ON Line and Learndirect which provide a very wide range of courses which can be studied at home or at Grove House.

With its excellent training and conference facilities, Grove House is also the base for the College Enterprise Team, working with businesses to identify training and development needs, and then to provide appropriate training programmes to satisfy those needs. The team has a wealth of knowledge and experience and their friendly, professional approach ensures that companies can be confident of receiving the best possible customer service, on site or at a customer's premises.

Chatteris W.E.A. (Workers Education Association) is a branch of a national organisation for adult education. Two series of lectures are held each year on Wednesday mornings at the King Edward Centre in Railway Lane. The lectures regularly attract 30 - 40 members and new members are always welcome.

For further information tel. 01354 693224.

CHATTERIS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Youth Work - Community Education

Fenland Community Education Service is responsible for delivering youth work on behalf of the County Council. The exact nature of provision changes according to need and may include Youth Clubs, Projects, Outings and special events. For further information contact Derek Budd on 6692527. www.youthoria.org

Chatteris Action for Youth (CAFY)

CAFY currently organises trips and events for young people in Chatteris and up to date details can be obtained from Derek Budd on 01354 692527, Cllr. Florence Newell on 01354 651001 and Cllr. Sue Elam on 01354 692573.

Chatteris - St.Hubert Youth Exchange Committee

The Committee organises exchange visits, usually during the Easter holiday period, between young people over the age of eleven from Chatteris and St. Hubert. The programmes include cultural, educational and sporting elements and are designed to promote greater understanding of the others way of life, culture and history. The link was established in 1978 and twenty-four visits have taken place to date. For further information contact Mrs Sheila Wright on 01354 693894.

Chatteris and District Girl Guides

The 1st Chatteris Guide Company meets each Tuesday during term time at the King Edward Centre in Railway Lane. There are three Brownie Guide Packs for girls 7 - 10 years which meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and the District Rainbow Unit for girls aged 5 - 7 also meets on Tuesday evenings. Further details from Florence Green on 01354 692107.

2nd Chatteris Scout Group

The Scout HQ is in Victoria Street. Beavers meet on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6.30pm; Cubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30pm; Scouts at 7.30pm on Fridays and Venture Scouts on Tuesdays at 8.15pm. Contact Sue Howarth on 01354 694329 for details.

Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force

The CACF meets at the Buckingham Cadet Training Centre in New Road. Further details can be obtained from the Detachment Commander at the centre on Wednesdays between 7.00 and 7.20pm.

Chatteris Children's Playscheme

The Playscheme caters for children attending Burnsfield, King Edward and Glebelands schools and the aim is to provide safe and happy play during school holidays. Further information from Sharon Hampton 657289 or Sue Elam 692573

Meadows After School Club

This club runs daily during term time from 3.15 - 6.15 at Glebelands School.

The contact is Sue Elam on 01354 692573.

Ballet and Dance Classes

L.L. Dance School meets Monday and Wednesday at King Edward Centre offering Ballet, Tap and Modern Dance classes to Examination standard. Contact Miss L. Hodson 01487 840574.

Linda Casey Ballet meets Thursday at Glebelands School. Contact Linda Casey 01354 692911.

CHATTERIS FOR TODDLERS

Chatteris has a good range of provision for children under the age of 5 years. There is a choice of 4 pre-school groups, and several groups providing opportunities for mothers and young children to socialise together. There are also several organisations providing services for families needing special help and support, including Sure Start South Fenland, Families Matter, Ormiston Trust and Fenplay.

Playtots	Mon 9.30 - 12.00	Bricstan Room	Marcia Foy - 692687
Humpty Dumpty	Tue 10.00 - 11.30	Emmanuel	Ann Lee - 692361 or Laura Gillmore - 693697
Chatterbox	Wed 1.00 - 2.45	Bricstan Room	Victoria Hamshaw - 694165
St Peter & St Paul's Parent & Toddlers Group	Thur 1.00 - 2.30	Bricstan Room	Pauline Firth - 695884
Meadows Parent/Carer & Toddler Group	Fri 1.00 - 2.45	Meadows Centre	Shirley Slender - 693698
New Baby Group	Mon 1.00 - 2.30	Bricstan Room	Peter Johnson - 695453
Busy Bees Playgroup	Mon - 9.30 - 11.30 Fri	King Edward Centre Annexe	Sabrina Brittin - 695544
Acorn Playgroup	Mon - 9.30 - 11.30 Fri	Acorn Mobile, Burnsfield School site	Paul Davies - 693182
Peter Pan Playgroup	Mon - 9.30 - 11.30 Fri	King Edward Centre	Laura Gillmore - 693697
Parent/Carer & Toddler Swimming	Tue 1.00 - 2.00	Empress Pool	Sue Elam - 692573
Morning W.I. with creche	2nd Fri of month 9.30 - 12.00	King Edward Centre	Ann Grainger - 694804
Sure Start TIG			Karen Gladwin - 692102
Health Visitors	Wed 1.30 - 3.30	George Clare Surgery	Drop-in Clinic - 695667
Sure Start South Fenland		Grove House	697900 - Website - www.suresstartfenland.org.uk
Families Matter			01354 6566581
Fenland Families			697906
Portage		King Edward Centre	01354 653902
Fenplay		King Edward Centre	Maurice Smith 01354 652828

CHATTERIS FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN

The number of retired people in Chatteris has increased considerably over the last 25 years, many moving north from the London area to enjoy the rural surroundings of Fenland. Chatteris is proud of its provision for the needs of the older citizen and there is a variety of clubs and organisations providing weekly, monthly and occasional events. Needless to say, these groups are always looking for help from new volunteers who wish to be involved.

The **Chatteris Day Centre** has been established for over 20 years at the King Edward Centre, providing a drop-in centre on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon, for a game of cards, dominoes or bingo, plus coffee and biscuits. Periodic lunches and outings are also enjoyed at reasonable prices. Contact Mr Jack Fleet on 01354 692592.

Salvation Army Friendship Club meets at the Fortress on Wednesdays at 2.15pm.

Emmanuel Drop in Centre in East Park Street is open to everyone for coffee and a chat every Friday at 10am.

Choices Frozen Meals Service, run by WRVS, delivers a variety of frozen meals fortnightly, by arrangement, to the elderly and housebound. Tel. 01223 712040 or 712430 for full information.

The Good Companions has been going for over 50 years, meeting at the Workmen's Club on the first Friday of each month at 3pm. It is a social get-together with a cup of tea and entertainment. Outings at subsidised prices are arranged in the summer and transport can be provided to take members to the meetings. Contact Mrs M. Cooper on 01354 692867.

Age Concern Cambridgeshire has its office at 2 Victoria Street and offers advice, information, Day Centres and Community Projects. Tel. 01354 696677.

The Gables private residential home 01354 693858 in East Park Street provides residential and E.M.D. care for long and short stay clients. They also provide a home care service catering for the elderly in their own homes.

Swan House 01354 696644 in Swan Drive off new Road, is a purpose built two storey home providing facilities for 40 residents, including both long and short stay respite and convalescent care.

Housing for Older People

Lyons Court 01354 692696 and **Salem Court** 01354 693553 off Huntingdon Road, both provide sheltered housing for the elderly. At Salem Court anyone over 50 is welcome to join in Keep Fit on Mondays at 2pm. There is also Indoor Bowls on Thursdays at 2pm and a Family Carers Club on Fridays from 10.30am to 3.00pm. The contact for the Carers Club is Anne Chambers on 01354 740225. A Friendly Circle meets on Tuesdays at 7pm fortnightly, alternating with Tombola, which starts at 7.30pm.

Various events take place at **Quaker Way** 01354 693566 on a regular basis during the week, from Dominoes to Carpet Bowls, a Knitting Circle and Armchair Exercises with a qualified Instructor. There is a series of outings during the year and a full Christmas programme.

CHATTERIS SPORT

Football

Chatteris Town F.C. West Street Chatteris.
01354692139

Chatteris Youth F.C.

Contact Steve Reid. 01354 692814

Cricket

Chatteris Cricket Club

Contact David Brown 01354 693715

Tennis

Chatteris St.Peters Tennis Club

Contact Mr S.Grainger 01354 694804

Aqua Sports

Chatteris Aqua Sports

Block Fen, Mepal 01354 693214

Boxing

Chatteris Youth Amateur Boxing Club

Contact Mrs J. Payne 01354 693630

Badminton

Thursday Badminton Club

Mr K.Bailey 01354 692272

Basketball

Chatteris Cheetahs

Cathy Logan 01354 694918

Table Tennis

Aqua Table Tennis Club

Contact Mr T. Furlong 01354 692801

Judo

Chatteris Judo Club

Mr John Beeken 01354 656670

Tang Soo Do

Contact A. Donaldson 07833 537015

Kick Boxing

Contact S. Rudkin 01487 823329

Bowls

Chatteris Town Bowls Club

Wood Street. Contact Mr B. Green 01354 695522

Workingmen's' Club Carpet Bowls

Contact Mr E. Proud 01354 692034

Cromwell College Carpet Bowls

Contact Mr I. Little 01354 695277

Cage Birds

Chatteris Cage Bird Society

Contact Mr B. Watkinson 01354 693375

Pigeon Fanciers

Chatteris & Dist. Homing Society

Contact Mr P. Pearce 01354 695775

Swimming

Chatteris Kingfishers Swimming Club

Contact Carol Cort 01353 776107

Allotments

Allotments at Honeysome Road are available for rent from the Town Council Clerk 01354 695166

Leaflets with full details of the Rotary Millennium

Walk around the outskirts of the town and the in -

Town Trail are available from the Library.

The local Fenland Ramblers Group can be contacted

on 01945 584319.

Flying

Microlight and Parachuting enthusiasts should contact Chatteris Airfield. Tel. 01354 740810

CHATTERIS SPORT cont.

Angling is one of the country's most popular sports, and the Fens, with hundreds of miles of waterways, have for centuries been a popular venue for anglers.

The **Chatteris Working Men's Angling Club** is open to all, and has fishing waters on the Forty Foot and Sixteen Foot rivers. In addition to organising its own competitions, the club hosts the Angling Times British Pike Championships each year in October which attracts up to 500 qualifying finalists from throughout the country. The club is also involved with the National Federation of Angling Championships.

Contact Mr B.Kightly 01354 692015

THE EMPRESS POOL

The Pool is located in Park Street behind the old Empress Garage. It is a private pool registered as a charity and run by three Trustees, Neville Angel, Geoffrey Brinton and David Frost, who are assisted in running the pool by part time staff.

Residents of Chatteris can use the pool with a season ticket as individuals, or as a family (for children under 18) , at various periods during the day and evening, seven days a week, adults and children can join one of the groups who have regular bookings, such as the Swimming Club, Community Education, etc. Sessions are arranged on a regular basis to teach adults and children to swim.

There is no public or casual access to the pool, nor are there any lifeguards in attendance. People using the pool have to be season ticket holders or group members, as above, and this helps to maintain a friendly atmosphere.

Contact the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs M.Frost, at the pool 10.00am to 12.00 noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or telephone 01354 695215.

MEPAL OUTDOOR CENTRE

Mepal Outdoor Centre is only two miles out of town and is ideal for a day out, or just for an hour or two to entertain the children. A full range of recreational, leisure and training facilities is provided. The children's playground was designed for tots to teens, with a covered area for under-fives, plus an adventure area for teenagers.

Visitors can explore the grounds, picnic on the grass, or eat in the cafeteria, hire canoes, sailing dinghies or windsurf boards, use the climbing wall or join one of the many courses available. Training courses are arranged for leisure, team building or personal development, and can be just for a day, or with overnight dormitory accommodation. Special needs adults and children are catered for. Facilities include showers, toilets, cafeteria, lecture room, sports hall, and climbing wall for indoor activities, as well as the water-based activities which are so popular. All of these are available for private parties and company groups, as well as public use. Telephone 01354 692251 for full details or a brochure.

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

There is a wide range of organisations in Chatteris, providing something for most people to join and feel part of the community. They would all welcome new members.

The Rotary Club meets at the Fire Station Social Room on Mondays at 7.30pm and the contact is Mike Royce, tel. 01354 693062

There are two branches of the **Women's Institute**, both meeting at the King Edward Centre. The evening Institute meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7.00pm, contact Secretary Mrs Mary Lawrence on 692977, and the morning Institute meets on the last Friday monthly at 9.30am. Contact: Ann Grainger, tel. 01354 694804.

There is a **Townswomen's Guild** branch which meets at the Cromwell College on the third Tuesday monthly at 7.15pm. Secretary: Mrs Mary Dordery, tel 01354 692091.

The Royal British Legion holds regular meetings at the Working Men's Club and the contact: Mrs J. Lee, 01354 693217. Ladies Section: Mrs C. Toth tel 01354 695589

The Probus Club is for retired men and meets in the Conservative Club on the second Monday monthly at 10.00am. Guest speakers and outings are arranged and the Secretary is Mr Dick Brown tel 01354 693068.

St. Raphael Club provides help, social activities and outings for the disabled, and regular meetings are held at Cromwell College. Contact Mr Gerald Setchfield tel 01354 693224.

Drama. C.A.T.S. (Chatteris Amateur Thespian Soc) meets Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.30 at the Masonic Hall Huntingdon Road. Contact: 01354 693869.

Come and be Heard is a support group for those with hearing impairment and meets on the last Friday monthly at the Brinton Room of the George Clare Surgery 2 - 4pm. Details from Cheryl Cornwell tel 01354 695110.

For those who enjoy dancing, the **Cromwell Dance Club** meets each Tuesday (except during school summer holidays) for general Old Time and Modern sequence dancing. Tuition is available if required. Contact Mr Len Bates on 01354 693563.

Magic of Lace and Stitch Needlecraft and Lacemaking Mrs J. Furlong 01354 692801

The Craft and Lace Group meets at Cromwell College on the third Thursday monthly from 7.00 - 9.00pm (except August and December) to enjoy learning about and taking part in all types of craft work. Contact Mrs Ann Barker tel 01354 695119.

The Chatteris Chamber of Trade holds meetings for local traders and the contact is Steve James tel 01354 693146.

The Chatteris Tenants Association helps tenants and meets in the Council Chamber on the third Tuesday monthly at 7.30pm. Contact Mrs A. Flack 01354 694547

There are three Clubs providing member facilities and function rooms. The **Sportsman** is in Fairway, tel 01354 695882 (day) and 01354 692201 (evenings), the **Working Men's Club** is in Station Street, tel Brian Cox on 01354 692355, and the **Conservative Club** is in King Edward Road. Tel. 01354 696908.

CHURCHES IN CHATTERIS

There is a strong Christian community in Chatteris that has come together in recent years to form firm links between the different denominations.

The Anglican Parish Church stands in the heart of the town. Built in 1352 to replace an earlier building destroyed by fire, there has been a church on this site for over a thousand years. Extensive restoration work was carried out in 1910, with a continuing programme of maintenance since then.

The Parish Church is conservative evangelical with three services on a Sunday at 8am, 10.30am and 5.15pm. Sunday School for children of four years and above, meets during the 10.30am service except for the third Sunday in the month when there is a Family Service. There are also Bible Study Groups and various other activities carried out during the week, details of which can be found in the magazine produced each month with a full list of activities and contact names. There is a good choir and an active group of bell ringers for the six tower bells.

The Roman Catholic Church meets in the Parish Church to celebrate Mass at 9.00am on Sunday mornings. The Priest is based in March.

The Salvation Army Fortress is situated in East Park Street. Sunday Services are held at 10.30am and 6.00pm. The Over 60's Friendship Club meets at 2.30pm and Ladies Fellowship at 6.30pm, both on Wednesdays. The Salvation Army has a charity shop in the High Street called 'Sally Ann's'. It also has a Songsters Group and a Band. There is a Friendship Bus to collect those unable to get to the various activities.

The Emmanuel Church in East Park Street is lively evangelical, and was formed in 1990 by the coming together of the Baptist, Methodist, and United Reformed Churches of Chatteris. The main Sunday worship is at 10.30am (with Sunday School and a Creche) and 6.30pm. On the third Sunday in the month, there is Children's Church at 4.30pm. On Tuesday it is Mums and Toddlers at 10.00am and there is a short prayer meeting at 10.30am with coffee. House groups meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30pm. The Women's Meeting is on Thursday at 3.00pm and over five fun club on Fridays at 6.30pm. Also on Friday the 'Open Doors' cafe is open from 10am. Extra details can be found in the Emmanuel Church magazine.

CONTACTS:

St Peter and St Paul Parish Church:

Rev. Chris Myhill, The Vicarage, Church Lane, Chatteris. 01354 692173

Church Wardens: G. Setchfield 693224 and P. Hammerton 692463

Roman Catholic Church:

Father Eric Willett, tel. 653268 or Sister Carmel, 01354 652266

Mrs M. Sharp, 45 St Peters Drive, Chatteris, 01354 692143

Salvation Army: Major Ray Cawkwell, 01354 692457

Emmanuel Church: Pastor Stuart Nixon, 01354 694951

HEALTHCARE AND OTHER SERVICES

Health services are well catered for in Chatteris. **The George Clare Surgery** in Swan Drive, off New Road, has five partners providing an open surgery from 8.30am to 10.00am and an appointments-only surgery from 4.00pm to 6.00pm daily (3.30pm to 5.30pm on Fridays) with further opportunities for afternoon appointments. An emergency-only surgery is held on Saturdays from 9.00am to 10.00am.

Three Practice Nurses provide an appointment clinic daily with further specialist clinics covering everything from ante-natal to **Age Well** services. There are also Health Visitors attached to the surgery. (For details of the **Age Well** meetings, please contact Margaret Billimore at the surgery).

The town is particularly fortunate in being within easy reach of the large hospitals at Cambridge, Huntingdon and Peterborough as well as the Cottage Hospital at Doddington, whilst the world famous Papworth Hospital is only a short drive away. Patients without their own transport can make arrangements through the surgery or can ask the **Chatteris Community Car Scheme**, a voluntary grant-aided local scheme for patients and their visitors wanting transport for appointments in Chatteris or any of the hospitals.

The services at the **Chatteris Complementary Health Clinic** are continually expanding as more people learn about the potential benefits of these kinds of treatments. The Practice offers friendly, professional and approachable service to the community of Chatteris and the surrounding area in the field of complementary medicine, including Osteopathy, Acupuncture, Chiroprody, Reflexology, Massage Therapy, Hypnosis, Homeopathy and Bone Density Scanning. All practitioners are qualified in their relevant fields and are members of their professional organisations. It is not necessary for patients to visit their doctor before attending a complementary health session, although an increasing number of people are referred by their G.P.'s. Some private health care insurance companies require patients to be referred by their G.P.'s in order to make a claim, so it is worth checking this first. Leaflets are available describing most of the therapies and treatments provided. For information or to make an appointment call 01354 694050.

Lloyds Chemists have two branches in Chatteris; in the High Street, and adjacent to the surgery at Swan Drive. **Spectacular Opticians** also have their premises at the surgery site, and appointments can also be made there for a private hearing aid service.

There are two **Dental Practices**: The East Park Street surgery and The Hollies dental practice in Park Street.

The Fenland branch of Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness (**CAMTAD**) holds a clinic every Friday at the George Clare surgery where advice, batteries and re-tubing can be obtained by NHS hearing aid users and provides fully trained volunteers to call on those unable to attend the clinics. Counselling is offered to hearing aid users and their families, and environmental aids can be loaned. Contact Marjorie Kramar, telephone 01354 693202.

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HEALTHCARE and OTHER SERVICES

Chatteris St John Ambulance Brigade which meets every Tuesday at its Headquarters building on the Eastwood car park, is very active in the community, providing emergency treatment and care at public events such as the town carnival, and fireworks display, and also gives nursing and other care in the home. All members are trained in First Aid, and Care, and First Aid Training is given to all ages and groups within the community. Transport by ambulance or car is available for social events as well as to attend medical appointments.

A large variety of medical comfort items, e.g. wheelchairs, commodes, backrests, are available for short term loan, in return for a suitable donation. This is a small voluntary group, all members are unpaid and often have to take time off from their paid employment to carry out the work of the Division. More volunteers are needed to train in order to continue the service to the community. Help with fundraising is also required to finance the activities.

Contact: Divisional Superintendent Lilian Oakey, 58, Westbourne Road, Chatteris, PE16 6HQ
Tel. 01354 695154.

The Citizens Advice Bureau is open on Tuesdays, 9.30am to 12pm. at the Town Council Chamber in Church Lane.

The Fenland Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme (1, Museum Square, Wisbech, 01945 463952) provides trained Care Attendants to relieve carers in their homes either on a regular or occasional basis. They are also hoping to provide a Day Club for Carers.

Veterinary Practice Care of our pets is in the hands of All Creatures Veterinary Centre in Victoria Street. 9am to 10am and 4.30pm to 6pm. and alternate Saturdays. Telephone: 01354 692309

CONTACT NUMBERS:

The George Clare Surgery: tel. 01354 695888

Age Well: Mrs M. Billimore, George Clare Surgery, tel. 01354 695888

Chatteris Community Car Scheme: Secretary: 01354 692018. Bookings 07944 814 156

Chatteris Complementary Health Clinic: tel. 01354 694050

Lloyds Chemists: High St. tel. 01354 692568 - Swan Drive 01354 695953

The Hollies Dental Practice: tel. 01354 692151

Zena Yallop Dental Care: tel. 01354 692742

Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages - George Clare Surgery: tel. 01945 467950

Citizens Advice Bureau - Chatteris Council Chamber: tel. 01945 464367

St. John Ambulance Brigade,

Miss L. Oakey, 58 Westbourne Rd, Chatteris, tel. 01354 695154

Choices Frozen Meals - W.R.V.S. tel. 01223 712040 or 712430

Hospital at Home, Friends Group,

Mrs M. Billimore, 18 New Road, Chatteris tel. 01354 695824

British Red Cross Loan Scheme,

Mrs G. Mayes, Salem Court, Chatteris, tel. 01354 693553

All Creatures Veterinary Centre, 3, Victoria Street, tel. 01354 692309

Spectacular Opticians, Swan Drive, Chatteris, tel. 01354 694648

Chatteris Mobility, 2a, Doddington Road, Chatteris, tel. 01354 694777

CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

Chatteris has a very long and proud tradition of being a good and caring community in supporting a very wide range of charities. These may be one-off occasions according to need, and others are ongoing, and mentioned below are just some of them. Many hold regular meetings and fund raising events in town.

Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research: Contact Mrs J. Holliday,
32c New Road 01354 695371

Barnardo's Helpers Committee: Contact Mrs Karen Smith, 91 Huntingdon Road,
tel 01354 695494

Action Research: Contact Mrs J.Heading 01354 692490

The Feoffee Charity distributes around £1000 annually to clubs and organisations in Chatteris that deal with the special well-being of pensioners. Contact Mr Brian Hawden tel 01354 692212.

The Chatteris Court Leet Estate distributes funds for the improvement of the town of Chatteris, and the contact is Mr G. Cartwright tel 01354 692607.

The Elsie and Bert Lambe Trust distribute funds to anyone over 60 residing in Burnsfield Street, No's. 1 to 28. Contact the Clerk to the Council 01354 695166.

The Cyril Haigh Trust distributes funds to the aged poor of Chatteris by means of an annual draw in which pensioners are invited to participate. Contact the Clerk to the Council on 01354 695166.

HOTELS, ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

Whilst the number of hostels in town has declined in recent years, the following offer a range of ales, wines and spirits, and some specialise in food and provide function room facilities.

The **Honest John** in South Park Street, (01354 692698), the **George Hotel** in High Street, (01354 692208), **Walk the Dog** in Bridge Street, (01354 693695), and **The Cock** in London Road (01354 692026). The **Cross Keys** in Market Hill, (01354 693036) is residential and has a licensed restaurant. The **Bramley House Hotel** in High Street, (01354 695414), and the **North Bank House** in Bridge Street, (01354 695782), offer Bed and Breakfast facilities.

Meals are also available at **Peppercorns Restaurant** on Market Hill, (01354 696964) and at the **Green Welly Transport Cafe**, 2a Doddington Road (695490).

There is a variety of take-away food outlets :

Bombay Massala, Park Street (696845) Chilli Masters, 30a High St (694636)

Dragon Inn, 50 High St (695577) Evergreen, 26 High St (693404)

Petrou Bros., West Park St. (692234) Bridge House, 15 Bridge St (696982)